

Plenary Sessions & Keynote Address

Sunday, December 6
12:15 - 1:45 p.m.

Landmark Campaigns for Grassroots Power

Highlights important campaigns to build power among immigrant communities. Grassroots organizers discuss the strategies, victories, and challenges they have faced in their campaigns, ranging from grounds zero in Arizona and the Gulf Coast to youth organizing for the DREAM Act and online organizing to counter purveyors of hate speech such as Lou Dobbs. (*Marcela Diaz, Carlos Garcia, Julieta Garibay, Roberto Lovato, Chris Newman, Saket Soni*)

Monday, December 7
12:15 - 2:15 p.m.

A Dialogue with the Obama Administration on Current Policy Priorities

Key members of the Obama administration

discuss their top policy priorities impacting low-income immigrants. Conference participants will have ample time to engage in a dialogue with our distinguished guests. (*Tyler Moran, Cecilia Muñoz, Esther Olavarria, and participants from the U.S. Departments of Justice and Labor (TBA)*)

Tuesday, December 8
8:30 - 9:45 a.m.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS Senator Robert Menendez U.S. Senator for New Jersey

The son of immigrants from Cuba, Senator Bob Menendez has persistently fought to preserve and promote the basic rights of immigrants. Earlier this year, he led congressional efforts to repeal a five-year waiting period for access to federal health care programs that had been imposed on newly-arrived lawfully present immigrant children and pregnant women. He also has introduced legislation that would create enforceable standards to reform the country's woefully unregulated

immigrant detention system. And he has been a champion for low-income communities in the current health care reform and immigration reform debates.

Tuesday, December 8
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Lessons Learned from the Health Care Reform Debate and Their Implications for Immigration Reform

The United States is on the verge of enacting an overhaul of its health care system, and Congress is about to begin the debate on immigration reform within the next month. This plenary explores the lessons learned from the health care reform debate, ranging from the politics and underlying policy issues to the messages and alliance-building needed to ensure the best outcomes for immigrants within health care and immigration reform. (*Sonal Ambegaokar, Marielena Hincapié, Congressman Mike Honda, Jennifer Ng'andu, Ali Noorani, Frank Sharry*)

Trainings, Workshops, and Strategy Sessions

Sunday, December 6, 10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Immigration Enforcement by State and Local Law Enforcement (ADVANCED)

Provides an overview of the interaction between U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and state/local law enforcement agencies in the enforcement of federal immigration law. Covers programs such as Immigration and Nationality Act section 287(g), Secure Communities, the Criminal Alien Program, and informal or rogue police practices. This training provides background for a separate strategy session, which will be held Tue., Dec. 8, 10:00-11:45 a.m. (*Ann Benson, Joan Friedland, Paromita Shah*)

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Immigration Law 101: Overview of the Immigration Process

Provides an introduction to basic immigration concepts and procedures for obtaining immigration status, such as family- and employment-based visas, etc. Discusses relevant changes enacted into law by the time of the conference. (*Debbie Smith*)

Immigrant Workers' Rights 101

Workshop providing overview of current issues affecting immigrant workers, such as the I-9 employment eligibility verification process, employment eligibility reverification, protections under the antidiscrimination provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and E-Verify (the government's Internet-based employment eligibility verification system). (*Margaret Hu, Nora Preciado*)

Conveners

American Civil Liberties Union -
Immigrants' Rights Project
(ACLU/IRP)

American Federation of Labor
and Congress of Industrial
Organizations (AFL-CIO)

Asian American Justice Center
(AAJC)

Asian & Pacific Islander American
Health Forum (APIAHF)

Change to Win (CtW)

Detention Watch Network (DWN)

Jobs with Justice (JwJ)

Mexican American Legal Defense
and Educational Fund (MALDEF)

National Asian Pacific American
Women's Forum (NAPAWF)

National Council of La Raza
(NCLR)

National Day Laborer Organizing
Network (NDLON)

National Employment Law Project
(NELP)

National Immigration Forum

National Immigration Law Center
(NILC)

National Immigration Project of the
National Lawyers Guild (NLG/NIP)

National Korean American Service &
Education Consortium (NAKASEC)

TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS, AND STRATEGY SESSIONS

Overview of Immigration Reform Bills

(OPEN TO ALL; ALSO OFFERED TODAY AT 4:15)

Reviews key priorities in immigration reform and provides analysis of immigration legisla-

tion proposals being considered by Congress. Panelists will give an overview of the current political landscape and of the projected timeline for passage of a comprehensive immigration reform bill. *(Josh Bernstein, Grisella*

Martinez, Tyler Moran, Jumana Musa, Marc Rosenblum, Laura Vazquez)

Sunday, December 6, 2:00 - 3:45 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP

Using Social Media for Social Justice

The media landscape is changing rapidly. Although Twitter, Facebook, and the blogosphere are low-cost tools to help progressives spread their messages to target audiences, many of us lack the technical know-how needed to engage in online immigration discussions. Join Kety Esquivel, new media manager at National Council of La Raza, and Center for American Progress blogger Andrea Nill as they discuss the ins and outs of using social media to advance your cause. *(Kety Esquivel, Andrea Nill)*

Eligibility for Public Benefits 101

(BASIC)

An introductory overview of the rules governing immigrant eligibility for public benefits, with a focus on the major federal pro-

grams. Participants will learn the categories that are relevant in determining immigrant eligibility and will have an opportunity to practice making these determinations through scenarios and other exercises. For beginners only. *(Jonathan Blazer)*

Immigration Law 201: Crimes and Immigration Law (ADVANCED)

Training focusing on recent developments in the area of crimes and immigration law, including the immigration consequences of criminal convictions and post-conviction relief. Basic knowledge of immigration law required. *(Ann Benson, Benita Jain Dan Keselbrenner)*

No-Match Training 101

More and more employers are using various “no-match” tools to target immigrant workers.

This workshop explores the misuse of Social Security Administration-issued no-match letters, the Social Security Number Verification Service (SSNVS), and Internal Revenue Service-issued no-match letters — and the methods advocates have used to defend immigrant workers. *(Leone Jose Bicchieri, John Grant, Christine Neumann-Ortiz, Nora Preciado)*

State Immigration-related Laws 101

An overview of state-level legislative activity and enacted laws on key measures targeting immigrants, including employer sanctions, law enforcement mandates, criminalization, verification for benefits, and higher education access. Workshop will include a forecast of state-level activity next year and discussion of advocacy strategies. *(Vivek Malhotra)*

Sunday, December 6, 4:15 - 6:00 p.m.

Barriers to Public Benefits 101 (BASIC)

An introductory overview of the barriers faced by eligible immigrants and their family members in seeking public benefit programs, as well as strategies for overcoming these barriers. Topics may include public charge, confidentiality, verification of eligibility, sponsor-related barriers, and language access. For beginners only. *(Tanya Broder, Deana Laurie Jang)*

From the Ground Up:

Addressing Key Challenges Facing Grassroots Immigrant Organizations

The role of local immigrant organizations, worker centers, and other community-based groups is vital in the battle for immigrant justice and immigration reform; but too often these groups find themselves isolated, under attack, and lacking the capacity to fully achieve their agendas. Participants in this session will identify common challenges facing grassroots organizations in tough economic times and share successful practices to overcome them. How can we more effectively leverage existing resources and build greater capacity? What steps can groups take

to forge linkages with one another and with state and national forces to increase their visibility and voice? What models can organizations use to expand their current programmatic scope — to offer additional services, develop advocacy campaigns, and implement a membership structure? *(Milan Bhatt, Leone Jose Bicchieri, Bhairavi Desai, Mary Jo Dudley, Lewis Papenfuse, Raymond Pocino)*

Worksite Enforcement Tools

(ADVANCED)

Workshop focusing on workplace-focused enforcement efforts, including I-9 (employment eligibility verification form) audits and E-Verify. Participants will discuss recent developments and strategies advocates have developed across the country. *(Javier Morillo-Alicea, Nora Preciado, Marc Rosenblum, Chris Williams)*

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State Laws Expanding the Use of Immigration Verification Systems

(ADVANCED)

In recent years, dozens of states have considered bills mandating the use of E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of workers, and of the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system to verify the immigration status of public benefits applicants. This advanced session will review the legal issues and policy arguments implicated by these proposals and examine their impact in states that have adopted such measures. *(Matthew Ginsburg, James Goddard, Omar Jadwat)*

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STRATEGY SESSION

Children's Health: Strategies for Expanding and Preserving Coverage

Session focusing on the impact of federal health care reform on access to affordable health care for children of immigrant families as well as opportunities to expand health coverage to all children, regardless of immigration status, at the state level. Topics will include implementation of section 214 of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) reauthorization law (CHIPRA), which allows states to use federal Medicaid and CHIP funds to provide affordable health care to lawfully residing children and pregnant women, as well as other state and federal policies to promote access to health care for all children. (Joan Alker, Sonal Ambegaokar, Bruce Lesley)

STRATEGY SESSION

The Border: Defending Against Misguided Immigration Enforcement

Participants will discuss ways to defend against misguided efforts to increase immigration enforcement in the context of comprehensive immigration reform legislation. Par-

ticipants also will discuss strategies for combating increased immigration enforcement after immigration reform is enacted. (Fernando Garcia, Jumana Musa)

STRATEGY SESSION

How Workplace Verification Systems Affect Immigrant Workers

Workshop focusing on workplace verification systems, including E-Verify, Social Security "no-match" letters, and the Social Security Number Verification Service (SSNVS), as well as Internal Revenue Service no-match letters. Participants will share strategies about how to protect workers who are the subject of these systems, challenges advocates and workers face when employers use verification systems to retaliate against workers, and ideas to address these challenges. (Rocio Alejandra Avila, Mark Meinster, Tyler Moran, Diana Rashid)

STRATEGY SESSION

Public Benefits and Comprehensive Immigration Reform

Participants will develop strategies for promoting equitable access to the social safety net as a crucial component of comprehensive

immigration reform's (CIR's) promise of integrating immigrants. The session will include strategies for defending against restrictionist attacks in Congress and will present immigrant integration policies that should be addressed in CIR. (Jonathan Blazer, Grisella Martinez, John Wancheck)

STRATEGY SESSION

The Right to an Identity: Access to ID for U.S. Citizens and Immigrants

Parents of U.S.-born children increasingly face obstacles in securing documents such as birth certificates or Social Security numbers needed to prove the identity of their children. Citizens and immigrants who lack birth certificates, passports, or government-issued ID have trouble securing services for which they or their family members are eligible. Federal and state driver's license policies restrict access to a license or state ID. In this workshop, participants will share strategies for overcoming barriers caused by requirements to prove identity or citizenship. (Tanya Broder, Christopher Calabrese, Joan Friedland, Myrna Pérez, Aimee Stowe)

Monday, December 7, 2:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Census 2010

Introduces immigration advocates to what is occurring regarding the 2010 census and the timeline for the census. In addition, participants will discuss issues as they pertain to immigrants and the census. (Terry M. Ao, Gloria Montaña Greene, Corrine Yu)

STRATEGY SESSION

Immigration Reform: Proposals for Legalization and Immigrant Integration

Examines proposals for expanding the undocumented population's access to legal status and full participation in society, and related legislative developments. Participants will also share ideas and strategies for next steps in this area. (Mary Giovagnoli, Eva Millona, Allison Posner, Catherine Tactaquin)

STRATEGY SESSION

Moving Forward on Benefits Restorations

The scheduled reauthorization in 2011 of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) provides an opportunity for restoring equity for low-income immigrants in TANF and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). This broad strategy session will also address critically needed progress in immigrant eligibility and access to other benefits, such as food stamps, housing, and child care. (This session does not address health programs). (Eric Rodriguez, Dinah Wiley)

STRATEGY SESSION

Immigration Enforcement at Workplaces and Homes

Discussion and strategizing regarding current immigration enforcement programs. Focus on

both worksite enforcement (I-9 audits, raids, etc.) and street enforcement (homes, day labor corners). Participants will also share ideas and strategies for next steps in this area. (Orrin Baird, Suzanne Foster, Kerry O'Brien, Nora Preciado)

Next Steps in Health Care Advocacy, Part 1 (STRATEGY SESSION)

Participants will take stock of achievements and challenges in advocating for immigrant access to affordable quality health care and will formulate strategies for achieving greater health care equity for immigrants. Topics covered may include health disparities, eligibility rules, barriers to access, safety-net concerns, communications research and messaging, and the politics of equity in national health reform. Part 1 of a two-session series. (Second session is Tue., Dec. 8, 9:45-11:45 a.m.) (Sonal Ambegaokar, Jennifer Ng'andu)

Tuesday, December 8, 10:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Getting on the Offensive: How to Improve the Climate, and Recruit New Allies, for Immigrants in Your Community

Welcoming campaigns have proven to be extraordinarily successful at improving the

climate for immigrants and recruiting large numbers of native-born Americans to become active immigrant supporters. Participants In this hands-on workshop will learn more about the three-pronged "welcoming approach" from some of the founders of the welcoming

campaign movement. The approach uses community organizing, mass communications, and direct public engagement to accomplish its important goals. Participants also will have an opportunity to practice using some of the tools developed by welcoming

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campaigns, so they can return to their communities prepared to “get on the offensive!” (*Ellen Gallagher, David Lubell*)

DREAM Act (STRATEGY SESSION)

Strategy session to discuss how to win passage of federal legislation that would provide a path to legalization for students who were brought to the U.S. as children. (*Tolu Oluunmi, Carlos Saavedra, other presenters TBA*)

STRATEGY SESSION

Immigrant Worker Issues Within Comprehensive Immigration Reform

Covers issues within comprehensive immigration reform that are unique to the workplace, including electronic employment eligibility verification systems, temporary worker programs, and immigration enforcement actions during labor disputes. Participants will

strategize about how to advocate for pro-immigrant worker policies within an immigration reform bill and how to fight likely anti-worker proposals. (*Josh Bernstein, Leone Jose Bicchieri, Tyler Moran, Sonia Ramirez, Saket Soni*)

STRATEGY SESSION

Immigration Enforcement by State and Local Law Enforcement

Participants will examine how to combat programs and practices in which state and local law enforcement agencies interact with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to enforce federal immigration law. This session will draw on the expertise and experiences of workshop participants. Background information for this session will be discussed during the “Immigration Enforcement by State and Local Law Enforcement” session on Sun.,

Dec. 6, 10:15 a.m.-12 p.m. (*Marcela Díaz, Joan Friedland, Isaac Menashe, Sarahi Uribe*)

Next Steps in Health Care Advocacy, Part 2 (STRATEGY SESSION)

Participants will take stock of achievements and challenges in advocating for immigrant access to affordable quality health care and will formulate strategies for achieving greater health care equity for immigrants. Topics covered may include health disparities, eligibility rules, barriers to access, safety-net concerns, communications research and messaging, and the politics of equity in national health reform. Part 2 of a two-session series. (First session is Mon., Dec. 7, 2:15-4:15 p.m.) (*Alice Dembner, Adam Gurvitch, Jenny Rejeske*)